The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims, in this application.

Listing of the claims:

10. (Previously added) A method of increasing drought resistance of a plant, comprising introducing a polynucleotide encoding a protein comprising the amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO:2 into the plant, wherein the protein is expressed in an amount sufficient to increase the drought resistance of the plant, wherein the drought resistance of the plant is higher compared to the plant prior to introducing the polynucleotide.

11. (Previously added) The method of Claim 10, wherein the plant is selected from the group consisting of *Arabidopsis*, *Glycine*, *Vicia*, rape-seed, *Helianthus*, *Gossypium*, sugar beet, *Oryza*, *Saccharum*, corn, and *Sorghum*.

12. (Previously added) The method of Claim 10, wherein the polynucleotide is introduced into the plant on a vector.

13. (Previously added) The method of Claim 10, wherein the polynucleotide is introduced into a chromosome of the plant.

14. (Previously added) A method of increasing the resistance of a plant to high salt conditions, comprising introducing a polynucleotide encoding a protein comprising the amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO:2 into the plant, wherein the protein is expressed in an amount sufficient to increase resistance of the plant to high salt conditions, wherein the resistance of the plant to high salt conditions is higher compared to the plant prior to introducing the polynucleotide.

15. (Previously added) The method of Claim 14, wherein the plant is selected from the group consisting of *Arabidopsis*, *Glycine*, *Vicia*, rape-seed, *Helianthus*, *Gossypium*, sugar beet, *Oryza*, *Saccharum*, corn, and *Sorghum*.

16. (Previously added) The method of Claim 14, wherein the polynucleotide is introduced into the plant on a vector.

17. (Previously added) The method of Claim 14, wherein the polynucleotide is introduced into a chromosome of the plant.

Claims 18-29 (cancelled).